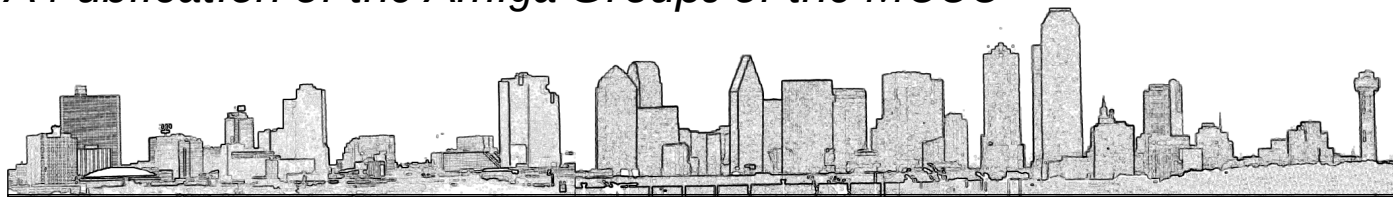


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Changes at Amiga

A new president and fast-track plans

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In a series of meetings in San Diego, representatives of Amiga Inc. and Amiga International met to hammer out the details of technical, strategic and marketing plans which will see the launch of a range of new Amiga-based computers for the next millennium. The company has relocated its headquarters to San Diego and Jim Collas will be serving as the new president of Amiga.

"Amiga is an amazing opportunity that we must act on now or it will be lost forever," said Collas. "The Amiga™ platform is ideal for Internet-ready, consumer-oriented digital appliances of the future. The Amiga name is associated the world over with user-friendly, low cost, powerful computing. We will take this philosophy into the next generation, enabling products from hand held Internet appliances to high-end graphics computers that help the user rather than frustrate them."

Collas, formerly a senior vice president for Amiga's parent company, Gateway, will be running Amiga as a wholly independent subsidiary operation and will integrate Amiga Inc. and Amiga International under the new Amiga corporate structure. His leadership will allow the company to step up a fast-track development program that is currently underway.

Amiga is planning to launch next generation products worldwide before the New Year. They will be announcing detailed product plans and introducing several of their strategic partners over the summer. Products currently targeted for the initial launch are a development system, an Internet appliance, and a low cost home computer in the tradition of the Amiga A500 that dominated home computing in the late eighties and early nineties. The developer's system will be available with a software development suite for low cost development on the new platform.

Jeff Schindler, in charge of product strategy for Amiga, is planning the new Amiga product line. "The Amiga community has been doing incredible things on a platform which hasn't had an official update in eight years," said Schindler. "They deserve a system which lets

them show off their talents."

Amiga's administrative center in San Diego will shortly be complemented by a software development center under the leadership of Dr. Allan Havemose, vice president of Engineering for Amiga, in San Jose, California. The Silicon Valley team will be rapidly expanded over the coming months to develop revolutionary Amiga multimedia layers over the real-time Neutrino OS core from QNX Software Systems Ltd.

Petro Tyschtschenko will continue on as managing director of Amiga International and will also play a critical role in guiding the current Amiga community through the transition to the new Amiga architecture. "The new Amiga plans are a rebirth for Amiga and an exciting journey into the future," said Tyschtschenko.

For further information on Amiga and Amiga products, please refer to www.amiga.com and www.amiga.de.

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Amiga OS 3.5 Orders

A message from Mark Stodola

As everyone knows, the release of the new 3.5 Operating System (OS) is eminent. A few months ago, the Board of Directors of the MCCC decided to see if there was enough interest from club members to make a group purchase of OS 3.5. The reason being is to be among the first to receive it, and to possibly get a discount. I have received orders for 10 copies so far.

It appears that it will be released during the Gateway Amiga '99 Show in St. Louis. Johnny Kitchens and I will be attending the show. If it is available at the show, we will purchase OS 3.5 for club members. We cannot promise a discount, but the more orders we have, the better our chances will be.

If you have an interest in placing an order for OS 3.5 let me know as soon as possible. The Gateway Amiga '99 Show starts Friday, March 12. If OS 3.5 is not avail-

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able at the Gateway show, the club will make a group purchase later. OS 3.5 will be on CD-ROM only and will need 3.1 ROMs. The price is estimated to be \$49 – \$79.

I will need the following information for your order:

Name:

Number of copies:

Contact (email, BBS, or phone number):

If you have any questions leave mail on the BBS, call me at metro (972) 299-6824 or leave me email at mstodola@airmail.net.



The Net Connection

The recent developments at Amiga are enough to get any Amiga fan smiling. But it seems that, other than that good news, there isn't a lot of news out there. This month's entries seem a little light in comparison to other recent months.

In addition to the articles printed here, this month's web site will feature information on the upcoming upgrade to the venerable Amiga archiver, LhA. And, of course, I'll have my software (and picture) choices for the month as well. Downloads of my monthly favorites are available at the web site throughout the month.

...Bill Raecke

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March Calendar

- Mar 9 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility
Trinity at Norwood, Hurst
- Mar 9 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road
- Mar18 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- Mar 27 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Membership Watch

- Expired February, 1999
Ken Doll Rick Schulz
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- Expiring March, 1999
Mary Kelly Sean Wilson Michael Turner